Eliminating Poverty.

151. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to answer:—

(a) in how many years they anticipate to eliminate poverty from the State;

(b) what are the main lines of action they intend to adopt to achieve the object?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) No forecast can be made.

(b) Government will do what is possible.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(a) and (b) Is it because of the lack of foresight of the Government and what is that?

President.—It is a question of opinion and not asking for information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know why he did not say like that in the answer? May I know what is possible at present?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Development of commerce, industry and education—all these have been done.

Mortality—Starvation.

152. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the approximate average annual mortality in Cochin on account of starvation, complete, or partial acting in accumulated effect;

(b) whether they are aware that a section of the social philosophers advocate that every death in (a) may be answered by the life of a member of the governing class;

(c) what they intend to do constructively to purge popular movements of the wrong mentality indicated in (b) and to ensure the maximum fund of happiness to the suffering humanity.

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) No information is available

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise in view of the answer to (b).

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(a) I want to know why.

Mr T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No information is available.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Cannot such information be got over before the next session?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—We shall try

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(b) Are not you aware that there is a section of violent Bolshevists?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can the Government get the information before the next session?

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Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Government do not consider it necessary.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Have the Government heard of Bhagat Singh?

Mr. T.S. Sesha Ayyar.—There is no official information.

President.—Bhagat Singh has no place in this question.

Money in Banks.

153. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware that heaps of money are lying fallow in many of our predatory banks;

(b) what they intend to do in future with reference to (a)?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b) No answer is necessary in view of the answer given to sub-division (a).

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did they make an inquiry before answering this.

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know why they made no inquiries?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—They did not consider it necessary.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Do they now consider it necessary?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will they ever consider it necessary?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—It cannot be said now.

Socio-religious Institutions.

154. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what Socio-religious Institutions exist in this State that retard human progress;

(b) what they have been doing to counteract and minimise the baneful effects of (a);

(c) what they intend to do in the matter?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) Government have no information.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of the answer to (a).

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know the grounds for answering like this?

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—It does not seem to be a supplementary question, Sir.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The President is to docide that.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—I drew the attention of the President to it, that is all.

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